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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SHARING OVERFLOW/UNDERFLOW
COMPARE HARDWARE IN A FLOATING-POINT MULTIPLY ACCUMULATE
(FMAC) OR FLOATING-POINT ADDER (FADD) UNIT.**

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